



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 2356.0062-05

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Maurice MONCANY et al. )  
Application No.: 09/670,105 ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Filed: September 26, 2000 ) Examiner: U. Winkler  
For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM )  
THE GENOME OF RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, )  
HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN )  
PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE )  
GENOMES OF THESE RETROVIRUSES AND FOR )  
THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES DUE )  
TO THESE VIRUSES )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of November 17, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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